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Everyone, As per our discussion yesterday, BLM Utah offers the following proposed agenda for the 1/4 Thurs weekly coordination call. I think I included everyone - please distribute if/as appropriate. Thank you to everyone for the support.

Happy New Year, everyone! Anita

I will be on AL next week so sending this in advance. Ed and Team Utah will be on the call.

1. Progress Updates

NOI + Comms Plan Implementation (any communication to coordinate?)
 BLM USFS BENM action plan (updated action plan with timeframes attached we shared w USFS regional contacts today)
 Budget FY17 & FY18
 Confirm staff assistance (WO200/400 or other) for scoping team and contracting

2. Discussion Topics

Status/preparation of BENM MAC FRN and charter (request WO assistance)
 Coop MOU review (USFS, PLPCO, Garfield Co., Kane Co., San Juan Co.)

3. Focus for Coming Week

Coop Agency and Tribal invitation letters

Also, for your awareness:

BLM Utah will be submitting comments next week to WO600 Leg Affairs for the following three proposals:

H.R. 4532: Shash Jáa National Monument and Indian Creek National Monument Act
 H.R. 4518: Bears Ears National Monument Expansion Act
 H.R. 4558: Grand Staircase Escalante Enhancement Act

And we provided copy of monument review related FOIA lawsuit we received 12/26 to Laura Brown and Ryan Sklar on 12/27 (Conservation Lands Foundation v DOI/BLM/UTSO/CEQ/OMB in D.DC)

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BLM and USFS Action Plan
Bears Ears National Monument – Shash Jaa Unit
Land Use Planning Process
DRAFT - December 28, 2017

To expedite the planning process BLM will serve as the designated lead federal agency and USFS as a cooperating agency. Both agencies will work jointly to complete a Resource Management Plan for the Shash Jaa Unit of the Bears Ears National Monument. Both agencies will issue a Record of Decision.

NOTE: This action plan includes the key milestones and does not include all tasks necessary to accomplish completion of this planning effort. The action plan will be updated once key milestones are completed as many of the steps in this effort are sequentially dependent.

Estimated Dates	BLM Task	USFS Task
Ongoing	Prepare NOI FRN	USFS reviewed draft FRN and provided comments 12/20/17
Ongoing	Contract for public scoping	No task
01/05/2018	Initiate Scoping – FRN publishes	
Week of 01/08/18	Invite cooperating agencies- request responses within 2 weeks	USFS reviewed draft letter and mailing list
Week of 01/08/2018	Initiate Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation	USFS reviewed draft letter and mailing list
Dependent on MAC nomination FRN and charter	Shash Jaa Commission meeting kick-off initiate preparation of MOU	USFS to attend tribal commission meetings Review draft MOU
Week of 01/22/2018	Prepare cooperating agency MOUs	USFS review
Throughout process	Management to participate in tribal listening sessions	Management to participate in tribal listening sessions
After scoping contractor and strike team are in place (approximately mid-Feb to mid-March)	Hold public scoping meetings – assume strike team and contractor so limited UT BLM/USFS role	Hold public scoping meetings – assume strike team and contractor so limited UT BLM/USFS role
Mid-March – Mid-May	Scoping Contractor to Synthesize scoping comments and generate scoping report. BLM and USFS to review draft report prior to making it publicly available.	BLM and USFS to review draft report prior to making it publicly available.
Est. posting of scoping report June 2018		
Have contractor on board by end of scoping process – process already initiated with NOC	Contract for NEPA and Planning – Statement of work, government estimate, contractor evaluation	Review of draft contract
June-July 2018	BLM Analysis of the Management Situation/USFS planning assessment and cooperating agency review	BLM Analysis of the Management Situation/USFS planning assessment
August-September 2018	Alternatives Development – developed with all cooperating agencies	Alternatives Development – developed with all cooperating agencies
October–February 2019	Preparation of DEIS/DRMPs	DEIS/DRMP developed with all cooperating agencies
During DEIS prep	Initiate USFWS Consultation – BLM lead	Ensure that species list in BO is complete prior to BLM initiating consultation
During DEIS prep	Initiate SHPO Consultation – BLM lead	Ensure BLM has accurate site information for USFS-administered lands prior to initiating SHPO consultation
February 2019	Draft NOA FRN package	No task
March 2019	Draft EIS/DRMPs	
April – June 2019	Public review of DEIS/DRMP (90 days required)	No task

July – August 2019	Comment analysis	Comment analysis
September –November 2019	Preparation of proposed RMP/FEIS	FEIS/PRMP developed with all cooperating agencies
During FEIS prep	Preparation of Biological Assessment	No task
November 2019	Final EIS/proposed RMP NOA FRN package	No task
December 2019	Final EIS/Proposed RMPs	
January - February 2020	BLM 30 day protest period + WO resolution of protest	No task
January - February 2020	BLM 60 day Governor's Consistency Review	No task
March 2020	BLM ROD NOA package to WO	No Task
March 2020	ROD/Approved RMP	ROD/ Approved RMP